V.—MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move—

> '*That under rule* 22 (3) *of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, that the Madras Re-enacting Bill,* 1950, *item IV in the agenda may be taken up before the Amendment to Schedule IV to the Madras District Municipalities Act,* 1920, *item III in the agenda.*' ".

The motion was put and carried.

VI.—THE MADRAS RE-ENACTING BILL, 1950, AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY (L.A. BILL No. 3 OF 1950).

* THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

> '*That the Madras Re-enacting Bill*, a1950 (*L.A. Bill No.* 3 *of* 1950), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration.*'

" Sir, last year, when the repeal of certain Re-enacting Bills was moved by me, the life of six Bills was extended for one year. Of these six Bills, one Bill is the Madras Elementary Education (Amendment) Act, 1941. Then the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Suryanarayana Rao and a few others were very particular that it was not extended, and they strongly advised me to drop it. I have accepted their advice and I am dropping the Bill; so that Bill is not coming up for extension. Then, out of the remaining five Bills, one is the Madras Elementary Education (Amendment) Act, 1946, which consists of two sections; and I have to request the House that it may be made permanent. The measure relates to the punishment of parents, whose children do not attend schools. The power of punishment is given to the chairman of municipalities and the president of district boards. As a matter of fact they have no option even to issue a warning. They have only simply the power to punish; and an appeal from them lies to the Deputy Collector. I do not think it is a happy thing that the punishment should be revised by a Deputy Collector. So what is contemplated is that the District Educational Officer is given the power of punishment, and an appeal from his order lies to the Director of Public Instruction.

" Then, Sir, there are three enactments to be repealed by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments (Amendment) Act, 1946 which, after being referred to the joint select committee, whose labours have been finished, awaits being considered by the Assembly. As soon as that Bill is passed, the earlier three enactments will be repealed. As it may not be possible for that Bill to be passed before 29th April next, it is proposed to re-enact the three enactments temporarily for one year, so that there may not be any interregnum. It is expected that the comprehensive Bill will be passed into law long before the expiry of the extended period.

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a Printed as Appendix III on page 644 infra.